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Nonprofit "Shovel-Ready" Projects:

Montana Data from the Johns Hopkins University Listening Post Project

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Civil Society Studies' "Listening Post Project" conducted a national survey in February 2009 to determine the extent of "shovel ready"¹ projects by nonprofit organizations. These projects will provide immediate jobs and infusion of dollars into the economy as well as enduring economic and societal benefits from the programs that these projects will support.

Following are highlights of the Montana-specific data from the national survey:

- **74 specific, shovel-ready projects** in Montana were identified by nonprofit survey respondents.
- Types of projects include museum renovation, **neighborhood community centers**, low-income and senior supportive housing, **employment training centers**, health clinics, **habitat conservation**, day care centers, bridge renovation, wetland restoration, **mental health and addictive disorder clinics**, sports facilities and others.
- 18 of these projects are in urban and suburban areas of Montana, 56 are in rural areas.
- **Total cost** of these projects: **\$167 million**
- Estimated number of people served through these projects: **225,000**
- Based on the survey results, the researchers estimate **the total scale** of Montana nonprofit "Shovel-Ready" projects to be **\$368 million²**

Source: Lester M. Salamon, "'Shovel-Ready' but Stalled: Nonprofit Infrastructure Projects Ready for Economic Recovery Support," *Communique #12*, Center for Civil Society Studies, Johns Hopkins University, February 17, 2009. http://www.jhu.edu/listeningpost/news/pdf/shovel-ready%20communique_FINAL.pdf

¹ As in the federal Economic Recovery Program legislation, in the survey "shovel-ready" infrastructure projects were defined as "projects that are through the design phase and ready to be put out to bid, and on which construction could begin within 90 days of awarding the contract(s)."

² Estimate excludes hospitals and universities. For a description on the methodology used to determine the extrapolated estimate, http://www.jhu.edu/listeningpost/news/pdf/shovel-ready%20communique_FINAL.pdf, page 2.